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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: HONG KONG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY

REF: STATE 35411

1. THOMPSON HAS NOT SET DATES YET FOR TRIP TO U.S. AND
WILL INFORM US IN DUE COURSE. VERY APPRECIATIVE OF
ARRANGEMENTS OFFERED.

2. WE BELIEVE ASSIGNMENT OF ESCORT OFFICER
WOULD BE USEFUL BUT WOULD PREFER TO SEE WHAT THOMPSON'S
SCHEDULE LOOKS LIKE BEFORE MAKING FIRM RECOMMENDATION.

3. THOMPSON TOLD US THAT DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS WRITTEN IN
SUCH A WAY THAT ANY "STANDARD MASS TRANSIT CAR"
WOULD QUALIFY WITH POSSIBLY, MINOR ALTERATIONS. THOMPSON
TOLD US THAT WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED FAIRLY WIDE
PARAMETERS WITH IDEA THAT CARS NOW IN PRODUCTION COULD
BE ADOPTED WITH MINIMUM EFFORT SO AS TO HOLD DOWN
COSTS. MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY (HKMTA), INDEED, WISHES TO
AVOID HAVING PROTOTYPE DEVELOPED BECAUSE OF COST
IMPLICATIONS.

4. VERY IMPORTANT THAT POTENTIAL BIDDERS REGISTER
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18 OF PRELIMINARY
INFORMATION PAMPHLET. BIDDERS SHOULD AT LEAST
INDICATE TO HKMTA DIFFICULTIES IN MEETING ADMITTEDLY
SHORT DEADLINES SO THAT EXTENSIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED.

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